

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the Times."

An explosion of a non-explosive (so called) burning fluid lamp occurred on Friday evening at the house of A. N. Chapman, near Northwich, Conn. The children had been left in charge of the house, and after filling the lamp, one of them lighted and placed it in front of the can. An explosion occurred. A girl, aged eleven years, died yesterday from the injuries she received, and a boy, aged sixteen, and a girl, ten years, are so badly burned they will probably die.

The Protestant Episcopal House of Bishops will meet in St. John's Chapel, in New York, next Wednesday to choose a Bishop of Oregon in place of Bishop Scott, who died in July last. Bishop Smith of Kentucky, the senior prelate in order of consecration, will preside. The body is composed of three-fourths high churchmen, and one-fourth low churchmen.

The Little Miami railroad company have discontinued the use of lamps of all kinds in their cars, and use nothing but candles to light them. Their stores are fastened to the floor, and the doors kept locked—the doors of the stores, we mean; the doors of the cars, we believe, are always unlocked when the train is in motion.

The act to prohibit the further contraction of the currency was sent to the President on the 21st ultimo. Some anxiety has been manifested as to his course, and it was surmised that he would veto it. But it is thought he will suffer it to become a law by expiration of the time allowed him for interposing objections.

The room of Major Linton, U. S. Revenue Agent, from Philadelphia, at a hotel in Pittsburgh, was entered yesterday morning by two strangers and an attack made upon him, he being an important witness in the Lycoming whiskey cases. It is inferred the attack was made to prevent his evidence being taken.

The British House of Peers at present consists of one prince, two royal dukes, three archbishops, 26 dukes, 33 marquises, 160 earls, 33 viscounts, 27 bishops and 144 barons—the total number of peers being 462. The Bishop of Bath and Wells sits also as Baron Auckland. Col. Edmund Cooper, acting Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, arrived in Washington yesterday from Tennessee. It is his purpose to resign the office of Assistant Secretary in a few days, whether the President shall not in the meantime nominate a successor.

Private letters received from Chicago state that Mrs. Lincoln is insane, beyond all doubt. She recently sold all the furniture in her house, and has two old men as body-guard, believing she will be robbed and murdered. Her mania is for selling.

Saint Xavier's Seminary, located within two and a half miles of Latrobe, Pa., took fire yesterday morning, and was totally destroyed. The inmates escaped, saving the greater part of their clothing.

The Fenian circles in the vicinity of Boston have voted to work on St. Patrick's Day, instead of marching in processions, and devote their earnings toward the revolutionary purposes in Ireland.

Mr. Robert Tyler, (son of ex-President Tyler,) formerly of Philadelphia, but for some years past a citizen of Alabama, has recently become editorially associated with the Montgomery Mail.

Gen. Canby, in compliance with a request of the South Carolina Reconstruction Convention, has issued an order staying for three months, executions on real and personal property.

The Chicago papers contain several columns of descriptions of the great fires which occurred in that city on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning, involving a loss of \$2,000,000.

Steps have been taken in Spain for the organization of a corps to be styled the Papal Legion. The corps is to be used in defence of the temporal power of the Pope.

A revenue collector, who had made himself obnoxious by breaking up illicit distilleries in the Abbeville district, South Carolina, has been shot and severely wounded.

The wages of workmen in Harrisburg, Pa., and vicinity have been materially reduced. Many there have left for other States.

The employees of the Memphis, Clarksville and Louisville railroad, have struck for non-payment of wages due. The running of the road will probably stop.

A shipment of 200,000 salmon ova, packed in ice, has been made from London to Dunedin, New Zealand, for the purpose of stocking the rivers of that colony.

The mortality from famine in Algeria is so great that the dead are thrown into trenches, as on the day after a battle.

Ohio is going throughly through all the laws of the State, inserting the word "white" in its statutes.

Rev. Isaac Leeser, Rabbi of the Portuguese Synagogue in Philadelphia, died on Saturday.

Forty-five ships on the way with 35,000,000 pounds of tea from China to England.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The case of Geo. A. W. Taylor vs. Franklin Stearns, upon an appeal from a decree pronounced by the circuit court of Richmond, has been fully argued before the Court of Appeals and time taken to consider by the court. This case, it will be recollected by our readers, involves the constitutionality of the "stay-law." A decision is looked for with interest by the community at large.

The Board of Visitors of the Military Institute has been in session in Richmond. The reports show that the institution maintains the eminent reputation it enjoyed prior to the war, and that it is not only now prosperous, but the indications are that its future is flattering promising.

A destructive fire occurred at Norfolk on Saturday morning, breaking out in the large barrel factory of Storm, Baird & Roper, and destroying that and its contents, and several adjacent blacksmiths' and cooper's shops, sheds, &c. Loss about \$50,000.

Gen. Schofield has appointed Prof. A. E. Petcolas of Richmond, Superintendent of the Williamsburg Insane Asylum.

LIONESS AND HER YOUNG.—There are few in the city who do not recollect the lioness in the circus of Messrs. Thayer & Noyes, which was exhibited, together with two lions, at the close of each performance. A few days ago the lioness gave birth to two fine whelps, and at present there is every prospect of raising them. They are very lively, and the mother shows for them the greatest affection, and offers no objection to her keeper, Professor White, taking them in his hands. They have been placed in secure cages, together with the two lions, in separate apartments, in the building No. 106 Baltimore street, near Holiday, where they will be on exhibition to-day.

The case of the first ever born in this country which gave promise of living, and they are a great curiosity. They have very little of the appearance of their dam, but are beautifully striped with black on the head and body.

Baltimore Gazette.

Foreign News.

A terrific gale prevailed through England on Friday, and disaster both to life and property on sea and land is apprehended.

Letters from Killarney say that the clergy of that town who refuse to say mass for the souls of Allen, Larkin, and Gould, who were executed at Manchester, have ceased to receive any money from their parishioners, who refuse to contribute to their support.

The Courrier Francais says that the presence of Admiral Farragut at Naples is designated as a counterpoise to the French forces in Rome, and to sustain the Liberals of Italy, with whom Admiral Farragut holds intimate relations. The Courrier says that the Admiral has sent to Caprea the promise of his support, and he only awaits the reply of Gen. Garibaldi.

The debate in the French Corps Legislatif, on the proposed bill for the government of the press was closed on Saturday. No vote was reached, and the success of the bill is regarded as extremely problematical.

The mail steamer from Rio Janeiro brings later news from South America. The inhabitants of Rosario, a town of considerable size on the Parana river, in the Argentine Republic, have rebelled against the authority of President Mitre, and declared for General Magaiza. The cholera, which has made sad ravages in Buenos Ayres, has subsided to a great degree, and its entire eradication is confidently anticipated at an early day. The disease, however, still prevails to an alarming extent in the allied army on the Parana.

President Lopez, of Paraguay, remained at Humaita, and his forces are well supplied with provisions and munitions of war. King Christian of Denmark has signed the treaty with the U. S. for the sale of the West India Islands. A special courier has left for Washington with the document.

A severe famine prevails in Tangiers. The announcement was made on Saturday that the Crown Prince Houtiga of Morocco, the Princess Margherita of the request of Lord Stanley, the Pacha of Egypt has withdrawn the auxiliary corps which he sent to join the Abyssinian expedition.

The bill granting large indemnity to the King of Hanover and the Duke of Nassau, has passed the German Parliament. Much opposition was shown, but towards the close of the debate Bismarck declared that if the appropriations were not passed he would be compelled to dissolve the Parliament. This threat was effective.

How it works.—The following extract of a letter from a gentleman who was formerly Governor of one of the Northern States, to his friend with whom he had been in negotiation for the purchase of lands in the South, shows "how it works," and tells the whole tale of the injury and wrong done to the South, by Radical legislation.

"After thorough investigation and much deliberation, I have reluctantly, but firmly decided that it is not a prudent thing for me to purchase Southern lands at this time. The future of the South is precarious. The revengeful spirit evinced by Congress toward the South deters me from making any investment where there is no security for property. Your negro labor will be utterly demoralized, and can never be worked to any extent profitable. It is not in the page of history that any people have manifested such madness and folly. I am apprehensive that I should be buying a land of trouble. Thornburg offered me many inducements, and I had matured some plans of my own in relation to the Roanoke lands which I should like to have carried out, but must forego them. Since I first saw the property the gloom has been accumulating over the unreconstructed States, and the question has been with me whether I ought to purchase at any reasonable price, and I now decide that I decline to do so. The act of the House of Representatives yesterday would decide the question with me if there was nothing else."

STRANGE STORY.—Among the victims of the Angola disaster was Mr. J. P. Hayward, who was in the employ of the railroad company at their agent at that place. The Painesville (Ohio) Advertiser gives an account of a strange dream for the correctness of which it vouches—which Mr. H. had just six months before he lost his life. It says:

"He dreamed that he was away from home, in a desert, when suddenly he heard a terrific crash, saw a bright light, and heard screams and yells to the heavens, and heard screams and yells to the most frightful character. On looking about him he saw a personage—a monk he thought—and inquired where all this noise came from. 'From hell,' answered the monk. The dreamer replied, 'What does it mean?' 'It means that you must die!' Mr. H. then told the monk that he was not yet prepared to die, and begged for further time. The monk finally said, 'Your prayer is granted; you may live on earth six months longer; at the expiration of that time you shall die!' Just then Mr. Hayward was awakened by his wife, who was alarmed at her husband's agitation, he sitting up in bed and being greatly agitated. The dream made a great impression upon his mind, and was the subject of frequent conversation with his friends for a time, but at length it passed from his mind. On precisely the last day of the six months he purchased a life insurance ticket for \$3,000, took passage on the ill-fated train for Buffalo, and was numbered among the victims at Angola."

SCENE AT THE SOUP HOUSE IN WASHINGTON.—Each ticket-holder in turn is served—until Mrs. Jane Harris puts in an appearance, when the following colloquy occurs:

Superintendent.—Mrs. Harris where do you live?

Mrs. H.—I live at—9th st.

Superintendent.—Do you own the house you live in?

Mrs. H.—(A little abashed.) My husband does, sir.

Superintendent.—Four story, is it; and you are building another?

Mrs. H.—Yes, sir.

Superintendent.—Your husband is employed by the Government, and makes \$50 per month?

Mrs. H.—Yes, sir.

Superintendent.—Well, you cannot obtain any more soup here. Your case will be reported to the committee. Mrs. Harris retires in disgust.

A ticket was also presented by a woman residing on Sixth street, who has a situation in the Treasury Department. It was cancelled. During the day several similar cases were exposed and the tickets cancelled.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.—The monthly exhibit of the public debt is not to be issued before February 5, owing to the large drafts from various departments of the Government and the small receipts from customs, and the payment during the month of about \$30,000,000 interest on the Five-twenties and '81 bonds. The exhibit will not be so favorable as the last one, published early last month. On the 1st of January the Treasury held \$108,430,000, on the 1st of February there will be about \$80,000,000.

For the next two or three months the prospect will be better, as there will be little demand for gold, and by resolution of Congress the immense claims for damages by the border States have all been stopped.

Va. "Reconstruction" Convention.

In the Convention, on Saturday, the committee on internal improvements reported a clause directing the Legislature to provide for the exchange of the State's interest in internal improvements, for bonds of the State.

The committee on banks reported in favor of prohibiting the Legislature granting charters to corporations which discount paper at unlawful rates of interest; also, prohibiting persons who do so from holding State offices.

A substitute to a clause in the report was adopted, taxing male citizens one dollar for the benefit of schools, and fifty cents for general purposes.

The Charlottesville Chronicle, speaking of the Virginia Convention, says: "After thirty-four days of actual session they have, at least, gotten through with the preamble and bill of rights, section by section, but have to set on it as a whole, when it will probably all come under discussion again, and take several days more. The bill, as adopted, is taken from the old one, and articles are interpolated and added; recognizing the supremacy of the General Government, and the 'inherent' equality of all men without regard to color."

LEGISLATIVE GARRULITY REBUKED. The Providence Press tells the following good story, which should convey its own moral:

"A member of the General Assembly from a rural district, who is something of a wag, approached one of the officers of the House and with a very serious looking countenance and subdued voice, stated that he was, both as a Representative and a man, in a serious difficulty. The official gravely inquired the cause. The troubled member replied that he was under the necessity of being absent for three days. 'Oh, well,' replied the official, 'that is nothing. It's a common occurrence.' 'But,' said the disconsolate one, 'that ain't exactly what the matter. Ye see, I've heard that member speak every day, and a great many times a day, and I've kinder got used to it. It's as natural as hush for breakfast. I shall miss it if I go, and, see here'—taking the official by the button-hole—'d'ye think he'll have wind enough to hold out till I come back, for I do want to hear him once more.'"

UNSKILLED LABOR.—John Johnston, the noted farmer of Western New York, probably the most successful farmer in the Northern States, has taken to negro labor. He employs negroes on his farm, and likes them well; but he complains that "they cannot set themselves to work."

Hearing this judgment from Mr. Johnston, the man who "Waxes and Talks" in the Genesee Farmer, exhorts all young men, who intend to follow farming as a pursuit, to learn "how to set laborers to work."

He is in favor of educating young farmers to their profession, and claims that it will pay well to make this investment in the higher knowledge of the art. He thinks negroes and coolies will soon be employed to do most of the hard labor of the Northern fields, and that the land owners and their sons should at once devote themselves to the higher departments of farming, learning in order to be prepared for instructing these unskilled laborers in their duties.—*Norfolk Journal.*

SOUTHERN RAILROAD LANDS.—The bill contemplating forfeiture to the U. S. of certain lands granted to and in the construction of railroads in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida, underwent considerable discussion the other day in the House. Two amendments were offered excepting two railroads from its operation, but no vote was taken.

Mr. Washburne was making the grant an "Indian gift"—taking away all the lands and keeping them for "the people."

Just so. "The people, O! the people, that live up in the steeples!"—*Norfolk Journal.*

GEORGETOWN CATTLE MARKET.—The offerings of live cattle at the Farmers' Rest on Friday were about equal to the demand, and prices were not so firm, sales of \$50 head of beef cattle being made at \$20 to \$29 per 100 pounds, according to quality, and \$25 sheep at \$6 to \$7.50 per head. A few ewes and calves brought from \$40 to \$80 each.

"The Cleveland Herald does not seem to have a very exalted opinion of mercantile integrity as developed in Chicago. It says it is a very significant fact that heavy conflagrations occur when business matters are in a depressed condition. We had few large fires in business blocks in Chicago, for instance, when goods were going up in price, and merchants were buying on a rising market. But now that merchants are doing business on a falling market, immense fires occur. And these fires are so well set that blocks are in flames instantly, and beyond control of the firemen before the steamers can reach the ground." [Be it remembered that this is what is said in Cleveland about Chicago.]

The active force of the U. S. Army, in the Southern States is as follows:—"First Military District, General J. M. Schofield, twelve posts and thirty-two companies; Second District, General E. R. S. Canby, twenty-three posts, thirty-five companies; Third District, General George G. Meade, twenty-two posts, forty-eight companies; Fourth District, General Alvin C. Gillem, (temporarily,) twenty-five posts, forty-four companies; and the Fifth District, General W. S. Hancock, fifty-three posts, and one hundred and four companies, making a total of one hundred and thirty-three posts, and two hundred and sixty-three companies. Averaging each company at seventy men, gives a force of over eighteen thousand."

In Talas, one of the Society Islands, the Siamese Twins are paraded. Two girls, infants as yet, are united at the hip; but are otherwise physically separate. The sympathy between them is said to be extraordinary. The king and queen have adopted them and lately refused to part with them long enough to carry them to Tahiti to be photographed. Extraordinary pains are taken to preserve their lives.

GOLD.—New York, February 3.—Gold to-day 141 1/2.

CITY ITEMS.

CHILBLAIN LINIMENT.—AN INFALLIBLE REMEDY FOR FROSTED FEET.

Although so recently introduced, hundreds can testify to its sovereign virtue. Many, both old and young, suffer all winter with this tormenting complaint. To such a cure is directed. Price twenty-five cents a bottle. Prepared and sold by J. JANNEY & CO.

Wholesale and Retail Druggists. feb 3-1w No 115, King st.

WE READ in the History of England of one honest man—Sir Mathew Hale—and probably it was because of want of opportunity that he did not buy his clothes of Henning, corner 7th st and Maryland avenue, Washington. It

MARRIED.—On Thursday evening, January 30, by R. V. Mr. Thos. M. F. W. MILLER, and Miss MAGGIE FIELD, all of this city. No cards.

SALT! SALT! SALT! 500 sacks Deakin's Salt. 300 " Marshall's " 1200 " G. A. Salt. In store and for sale by W. A. SMOOT & CO., No. 3, King street. feb 3

LOST—A BLACK LACE VEIL and a M. E. Church, South, HYMN BOOK—the latter picked up yesterday near the door of Christ Church, and the veil near the street—have been left at this office for those who call for it. It

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CORN, White.....1 00 @ 1 10 Mixed.....1 10 @ 1 20 Yellow.....1 10 @ 1 20

CORN MEAL.....1 05 @ 1 10 OATS.....1 00 @ 1 10 RYE.....1 40 @ 1 50 DRESSED HOGS, per 100 lbs.....9 00 @ 9 50

APPLES, Dried, per lb.....2 50 @ 3 00 Green per barrel.....2 50 @ 3 00 IRISH POTATOES.....1 00 @ 1 10 SEED, Flax.....1 00 @ 1 10 Timothy.....3 50 @ 4 00 Clover.....3 00 @ 3 50

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RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE, &c, by Railroad.

The following are the receipts of produce, &c, by railroad, for the past week:

W. A. & M. R. R.—Corn, 16,411 bushels; wheat, 18,122; rye, 655; oats, 628; mill-feed, 156; corn meal, 364; flour, 285 bbls; beans, 49 bushels; onions, 6 bushels; dried fruit, 2,000 lbs; bacon, 275 lbs; apples, 166 bags—7,600 lbs; boxes, 6 bushels; apples, 31 bbls; tobacco, 3 bales; hides, 6 bbls and firkins; fresh beef, 1,000 lbs; corn, 7 bbls; slaughtered hogs, 24; potatoes, 60 bushels; poultry, 11 bbls and boxes; butter, 22 firkins; eggs, 12 bbls and boxes; yarn socks, 1 box; vinegar, 3 bbls; honey, 100 lbs; sundries, 9 bags; lead, 150 lbs; rags, 300 lbs; bones, 700 lbs; staves, 200; spikes, 300; horses, cows, sheep and calves, 25; barytes, 25 tons; sand, 8 tons; iron, 11,550 lbs; wood, 15 cords; lumber, 550 ft; furniture, 1 car load; cattle and sheep, 1 car load; and other merchandise amounting to 25 tons. Freight sent forward, 300 tons.

A. L. & H. R. R.—Corn, 4542 bushels; wheat, 102; rye, 84; oats, 278; beans, 8 bushels; dried fruit, 24 bushels; honey, 21 bushels; walnuts, 31 bushels; potatoes, 28 bushels; slaughtered hogs, 26; flour, 189 bbls; can fruit, 12 bbls; poultry, 15 bbls and boxes; eggs, 4 bbls; butter, 5 bbls; apples, 6 bbls; hay, 21 bales; wood, 322 cords.

2 BBLs PRIME LEAF LARD. 1 hog-head Bacon, Sides, Breast Pieces and Shoulders. 2 bbls new and bright Dried Apples. Pearl Hominy. Hominy Beans. Baker's Chocolate, Cocoa and Broma. Pure Ground Cayenne Pepper, received and for sale by J. C. MILEURN, Opposite the Market.

RECEIVED TO-DAY at FRENCH'S Book and Periodical Depot, No. 95, King street, a large and well selected stock of LEGAL CAP, Pools Cap, Letter and Commercial Note Paper, bought from first hands at the very lowest cash prices, and will be sold much lower than the current rates. That "job lot" of Envelopes advertised a few days since is being rapidly disposed of, and all who wish a supply of the cheapest Envelopes offered in this market for the last ten years, should call early.

feb 3 GEO. E. FRENCH.

FLOUR! FLOUR! FLOUR! 20 bbls Family Flour—Verron's brand. 100 " Extra Flour. " 60 " Super " 30 " Fine " 24 Middling Flour. In store and for sale by W. A. SMOOT & CO., No. 3, King street.

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Leave Winchester on WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS and SUNDAYS, at 3 o'clock a. m., reaching Alexandria at 7 o'clock p. m. same days, in time to connect with the cars and boats for Washington and the North.

This line connects with the line from Richmond Station to Upperville, going and returning.

The proprietor gives his personal supervision to the entire route, and will employ none but the most careful drivers. By strict attention to the comfort of all who may favor him, he hopes to merit the patronage heretofore so liberally bestowed.

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